

China Information Sheet

Passport and visa requirements

All visitors to China require a passport that is valid for at least six months after your expected return date. U.S. and Canadian citizens will also require an entry visa. Travelers should request an individual tourist visa, not a group visa. Your individual tourist visa application might require hotel and airline information; please contact your tour consultant for this information around 70 days prior to departure. Citizens of all other countries should contact their appropriate embassy regarding entry requirements. For a list of embassies, please visit www.embassy.org.

Passport Lists

In order to book your internal flights within China, we require a group passport list. The passport list is due 70 days prior to your departure. There is a downloadable form on your group leader website, or your tour consultant can provide one. The following information is required from each traveler: Passport Name, Passport Number, Passport Expiration Date, Birth Date and Citizenship.

Vaccinations and health precautions

No vaccinations are required for China. Consult your physician with any questions or concerns you may have.

Packing

Please limit your one checked baggage to 44 lbs and 17 lbs for one carry-on, as this is the maximum baggage allowance for flights within China. Moderate dress is recommended due to Chinese custom. It is advisable to pack clothing for both warm and cool temperatures due to climate fluctuations in China.

Accommodations

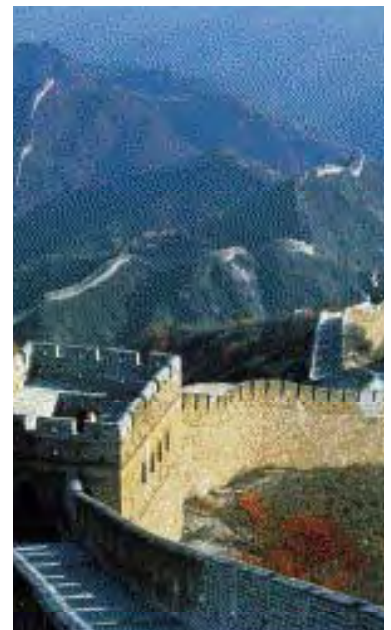
Hotels are generally large and modern, with all the modern amenities you would expect, such as air conditioning and television. Please contact your tour consultant if you'd like a list of sample hotels.

Tour Director

If you are booked on the Hong Kong extension, you'll have two tour directors, one in mainland China and one in Hong Kong. Your tour director in mainland China will transfer you to the airport for your flight to Hong Kong, but he or she will not fly with you. Your Hong Kong tour director will meet you outside of baggage claim at the airport. He or she will hold an EF sign.

Food and water

Chinese cuisine is complex and varies throughout regions. Dinners in China include a variety of cold starters along with soup, meat dishes (chicken, pork, beef or fish), vegetables and rice or noodles. Our meals are easily tolerated by Americans and do not include very adventurous foods. Dinners in China are usually served "family style" on a lazy susan for all to share. While in China, it's advisable to use bottled water, rather than tap water, for both drinking and teeth brushing. A bottle of water costs \$2-3.



Transfers

There are a number of internal flights on the tours we offer to China. Your tour director will have your internal flight information and E-ticket receipts. Please keep in mind the baggage limitations when packing. Everyone should be encouraged to pack light! All bus transfers are essentially shorter day excursions from the cities you will visit. All buses are modern and have air conditioning.

Tipping

While all non-discretionary gratuities are included in the EF Program Fee, it's customary to tip your tour director and coach driver as a token of appreciation at the end of the tour. We recommend:

- \$6 per person per day for the tour director
- \$3 per person per day for the coach driver

Many group leaders also tip local guides for half-day sightseeing tours. On a full-day excursion, giving a small tip to both the professional local guide and the day's driver is typical. We recommend using local currency for tipping as it is difficult for tour directors to cash travel's checks or Visa gift cards. We suggest you deposit the tip money into your bank account and withdraw it in local currency at the end of the tour, then present it to your tour director and bus driver in tip envelopes provided by EF.

Currency

We recommend bringing an ATM card or a credit card that you can use to withdraw cash from a bank or ATM machine. We recommend that you inform your bank about your travel plans prior to your departure. Most shops accept credit cards. Please keep in mind that while traveler's checks may be cashed at the airport, banks and some hotels, it may be difficult to cash them in more remote areas.

Safety

The Chinese people are hospitable and friendly; however, as with travel in any country, you should always be aware of your personal belongings to minimize the risk of theft. If traveling away from the group, consult the tour director for any specific precautions.

Phones

The Ekit calling cards work in China. China's access numbers are 10800-180-0072, 10800-713-0673 or 10800-130-0559. Please visit www.eftours.ekit.com for more information. Although EF's Tour Link does not work, the international cell phone* provided by our Global Rewards Department does work.

*The international cell phones were offered as an incentive in February and April of 2008. Please contact your tour consultant to see if you qualified.

